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Chapter 19 Dokuro Hoozuki, Appears In The Rain

HEY,
LOOK AT THAT...
ISN'T HE...
THAT'S...
HE ANGERED FATHER.
SO IT'S TRUE WHAT EVERY-ONE SAYS..

A DISGRACE TO THE ODA FAMILY.
...
WEEP

Since it's come to this, seppuku is only way to keep Oda's pride...
grip
Even father abandoned me, so what do I have left?
I'm useless
I can't take it anymore.
stare
It looks like it'll hurt...
No, I should stop.
No ones watching.
SFX: BAM

HUH, IS THAT KAISHIN?

GOEMON AND AKO?
IT REALLY IS KAISHIN ARE YOU RETURNING NOW?

SATSUKI, TANBA-SAN'S FREE SO HE WENT OUT.
HE MIGHT DO SOMETHING AGAIN

COVERING FOR ANOTHER? GIVE ME A BREAK.

HUH?
I STEPPED ON SOMETHING...

See you
SO PLEASE TAKE CARE OF IT FOR NOW.
WE'RE HEADING FOR WORK NOW
THAT DAMN OLD MAN WILL GET A SCOLDING FROM HATTORI AGAIN

...

SFX KICK
OOF!

YOU
YOU'RE IGA'S

HEAR ME OUT !!!
WAIT, WAIT, WAIT!!
I HEARD THE PEOPLE OF IGA WOULD DO ANYTHING FOR MONEY!
DOESN'T YOUR FATHER HATE SHINOBI?
FATHER IS FATHER! I'M ME!!
I HAVE AS MUCH MONEY AS YOU'D WANT
T-THIS TIME, I'M DIFFE-RENT
DID YOU ALREADY FORGET YOU WANTED TO KILL US THE OTHER DAY?
GIVE ME POWER!!!
I WANT STRENGTH!
ENOUGH STRENGTH FOR FATHER TO ACCEPT ME!!

SAY,
THAT GUY AT KAISHIN'S LEG WAS ODA'S STUPID SON, RIGHT?
YEAH, AND KAISHIN PROBABLY NOTICED TOO.
I ENVY HIM.
HE LOOKS LIKE HE'D HAVE A NICE AMOUNT OF MONEY.
IT'S HARD TO TELL WHAT KAISHIN'S THINKING, RIGHT?
OH THAT REMINDS ME, I DON'T REALLY KNOW HIS STRENGTH.
THE FIGHT WAS OVER BEFORE I EVEN REALIZED IT.
YEAH, I NEVER SAW HIM FIGHT.
Yeah yeah
ALL WE KNOW ABOUT HIM IS HIS BAD PERSONALITY.

I FEEL BAD FOR PEOPLE FOLLOWING YOU.
SFX: BLOW
Why?!
why did he hit me?!
MY SPECIALTY IS ASSASSINATION THOUGH.
THAT FULLFILS MY DESIRES.

There's no turning back!!
IN SETTSU... THERE'S A MAN MY FATHER'S JEALOUS OF.
I WANT YOU TO KILL HIM...
As if I'd care about appearances!!!
WHAT SHOULD I DO,
MASTER?

SFX: TAPA
HMM
IT'S A LITTLE DIFFERENT FROM THE PLANS, BUT...
I GUESS THAT'S IT.

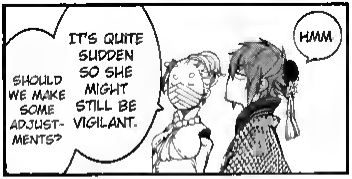
OH MY,
IT'S FINALLY BUILT.
BUT IT STILL HAS A LONG WAY TO GO
rustle
HMPH, I'LL FINISH IT SOON
YOU
LOOK DIFFE-RENT
"I want to meet Dokuro Hoozuki. You know where she is, right?"
GEN-GETSU,
HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU THINK HAS PASSED SINCE THEN?
TELL ME ALREADY.
BUT
I CAN'T GUARANTEE YOU'LL GET REPLY
YEAH,
IT MIGHT BE FINE TO DO SO SOON

IS DOKURO HOOZUKI HERE...?
YEAH
SHE APPEARED ONLY IN FRONT OF THE TWINS, SO THERE'S NO TELLING IF SHE'S REALLY HERE
AT ANY RATE, HER EXISTENCE ITSELF IS DUBIOUS
PARDON ME!!!

I HAVE TAKEN THE PLACE OF THE KUMOU TWINS. I WISH TO SHIELD YOU!
MY NAME IS ISHIDA SAKICHI!!
AND I WANT TO ASK FOR AN AUDIENCE WITH YOU!

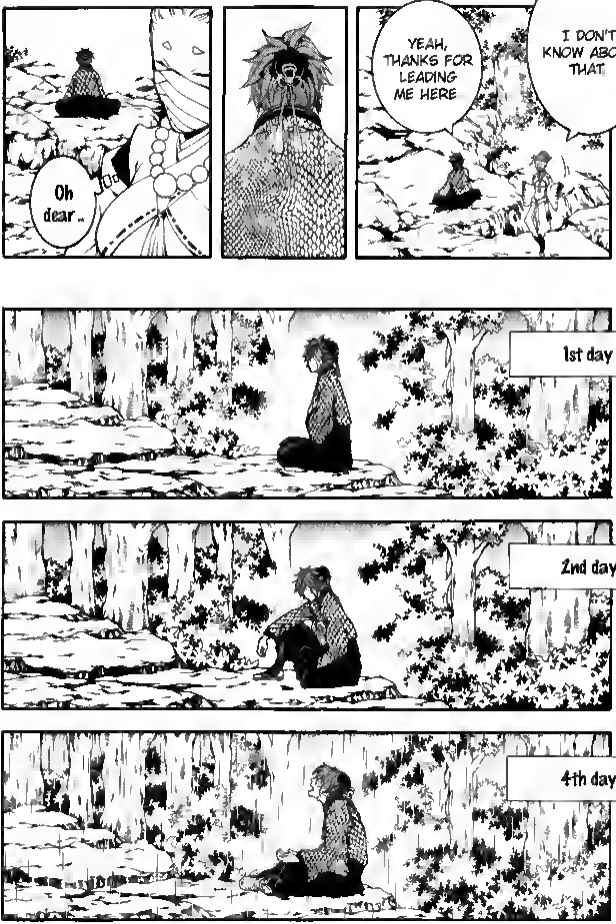
Si
Jence

I'LL WAIT
UNTIL SHE COMES OUT


HMM
IT'S QUITE SUDDEN SO SHE MIGHT STILL BE VIGILANT.
SHOULD WE MAKE SOME ADJUSTMENTS?

YOU MIGHT BE RIGHT.
bow

EH?
DON'T TELL ME...


Oh dear..
YEAH, THANKS FOR LEADING ME HERE
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT
1st day
2nd day
4th day

clatter
7th day
Wheeze
Wheeze
!!!
How many days has it been now...?
SFX: NOD 2X
My eyes are growing hazy...
I can no longer
feel my hands and legs...

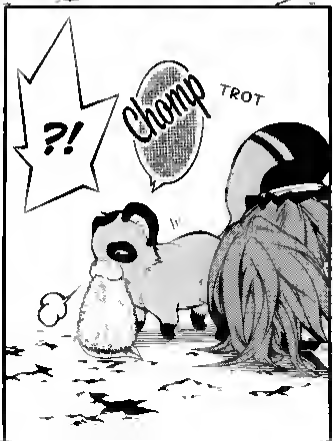
STILL HAVEN'T MET
YOU'RE STILL HERE?
I DIDN'T EVEN THINK ABOUT TAKING ON THEIR DUTY
I JUST FILL IN THE BLANKS UNTIL THE BITTER END
SO YOU'RE GOING TO SUCCEED KUMOU'S WILL ONLY TEMPORARILY?
HMM?
THAT DUTY CAN ONLY BE HANDLED IN THE KUMOU FAMILY
YOU CAN'T BE A REPLACEMENT FOR TWINS
WHY DON'T YOU JUST GIVE UP?

THEY'RE ALIVE.
THAT TIME I REALLY DID SEE BAREN FALL
!
BUT I DIDN'T EVEN SEE HIS CORPSE.
THE SAME WITH OKUNI.
AND BAREN'S EYES LOOKED LIKE SCALES

IF IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH OROCHI...
IF BAREN'S A VESSEL THEN...
THE MOMENT A VESSEL DIES, CALAMITIES DISAPPEAR AND THE SKY CLEARS UP, RIGHT?
BUT... OLIMI IS STILL KEPT UNDER THE CLOUDS...
SFX: FALTER
BAM
... MASTER,
SO YOU BELIEVE THEY'RE ALIVE.
GUYS LIKE THOSE TWO
WOULDN'T DROP DEAD SO EASILY

Plop
IS THAT SO?
I HOPE
THEY'RE ALIVE TOO.

YOU ... ARE ...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Chomp
TROT

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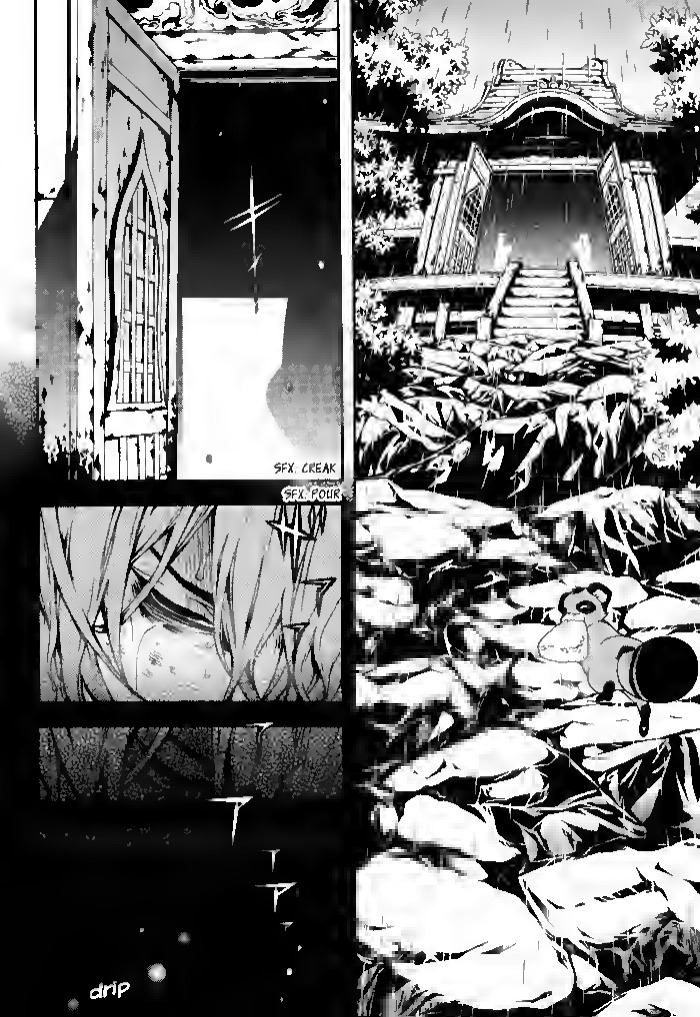
SFX. CREAK
SFX. POUR
drip

So warm...
my body's starting to feel comfortable...
ISHIDA SAKICHI-SAMA.
...Who's that?
waiting

Hoozuki...
Pakuro
...
I STILL CAN'T SHOW MY APPEARANCE.

I HAVE A REQUEST FOR YOU
Request?
KUMOU OKUNI TOOK A SCROLL FROM IGA
THERE'S A WRITTEN METHOD TO CONTROL OROCHI'S POWER.
I WANT YOU TO RETRIEVE IT BEFORE IT FALLS INTO THE WRONG HANDS.
Where is it now...?

IN SETTSU.
SCROLL...
SETTSU...